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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
July 28, 2009**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Weber and Kirsch; Harold Stepper, County Planner; Tara Mastel and Tom Harrington, JLDC; Janet Cornish, Community Development Services of Montana

MINUTES

Commissioner Weber moved to adopt the minutes of June 30. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt the minutes of July 14. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Lythgoe noted the receipt of a petition to create the Cataract Fire Service area from Bonnie. The Commission will need to set a public hearing. Commissioner Weber suggested that the petition be given to Matt for review.

Commissioner Lythgoe noted the receipt of the Teamsters contract for signature. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the County Attorney and Personnel Officer have reviewed them. Commissioner Weber moved to authorize the Commission to sign the contracts after acceptable review. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

CALENDAR REVIEW

7/30 Area IV Agency on Aging - 10:00 - Augusta

COMMISSION REPORTS

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FAIR BOARD

Commissioner Kirsch reported on the Fair board meeting. They discussed the budget and upcoming fair.

INTERVIEWS

Commissioner Weber reported that the previous week he took part in the Deputy County Attorney interviews. The job has been offered to one of the applicants, but he is unaware if the offer has been accepted.

WHITEHALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Weber reported that on Tuesday night he attended the Whitehall Community Development meeting. There was a discussion of the potential threat to the safety and welfare of citizens due to burned buildings. A chain link fence has been installed around the perimeter, and he talked to Sheriff Doolittle to discuss extended patrol on weekend evenings.

LAWSUIT MEDIATION

Commissioner Weber reported that he and Commissioner Lythgoe attended a lawsuit mediation regarding the status of Upper Jackson Creek Road. The County's position is that this is a county road, while the other party's position is that this is a private road. The mediation was not successful, so this issue will most likely end up in court.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS

The Commission received an application to serve on the Solid Waste board from Bill Morgan. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to appoint Bill to the Solid Waste Board. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved to appoint Commissioner Lythgoe as the Commission representative to the Solid Waste board. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OF MONTANA (CDSM) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A TAX INCREMENT INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DISTRICT

Janet Cornish, CDSM, stated that she has been contacted by the JLDC to assist Jefferson County in the creation of a TIF District. The purpose of the district would be to encourage secondary valued-added industry into the area. She has provided a contract and a scope of services for review. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if the contract for services would just be related to this particular district and they would need an additional contract if they were to form another district. Janet said that this contract would just be for services related to this district; another contract would be needed if the County decides to form an additional district, or the current contract could be amended.

Commissioner Lythgoe noted that the cost of services would be \$60/hour plus expenses, not to exceed \$7,500.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked, as it related to the tax increment finance district as a whole, does this work if only one business builds in the area. Janet said that it could, but she would caution the Commission that a district cannot be designed for one entity. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if commercial enterprises also be a part of the district. Janet stated that Montana law requires that the district be zoned industrial, but the zoning can allow for commercial also.

Commissioner Weber stated that as he recalls, there is a percentage related to industrial, such as 75% needs to be industrial. Janet said that there is nothing spelled out in statute, but the zoning may require this.

Commissioner Weber moved to enter into the contract with Community Development Services of Montana for the development of a TIF district at \$60/hour plus expenses, not to exceed \$7,500 to be funded from north end metal mines license funding. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, CHAIR

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